GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh - Retired Chief Justices and Judges Domestic Help(s) and other Benefits Rules, 2021 – Notification – Issued.

LAW (LA&J-SC.F) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.5

Dated:19.01.2022

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.28 Law (LA &J-SC.F) Dept., dt16-03-2012.
2. From the Registrar General, High Court of Judicature at Hyderabad, Letter Roc. No. 624/SO/2016, Dt. 24.06.2016.
3. From the Registrar General, High Court of A.P., Letter ROC. No.624/SO/2016/2020, dated 20.10.2021.
4. From the Registrar General, High Court of A.P., Letter ROC. No.624/SO/2016/2020, dated 11.01.2022.

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ORDER:

In the G.O. first read above, orders were issued for sanction of an amount of Rs.14,000/- per month to the retired Chief Justices and Rs.12,000/- per month to the retired Judges of High Court of A.P., for defraying the services of an orderly, driver, security guard etc., and for meeting the expenses incurred towards secretarial assistance on contract basis and a residential telephone free of cost with number of free calls to the extent of 1,500 per month over and above the number of free calls allowed by the Telephone authorities and made applicable w.e.f.01.04.2012.

2. In the reference third read above, the Registrar General, High Court of Andhra Pradesh, while referring to the resolution in the Chief Justices Conference, 2016 held in April, 2016 at New Delhi has framed the "Retired Chief Justices and Judges Domestic Help(s) and other Benefits Rules, 2021" and requested the Government to publish the same in the Gazette, besides taking necessary consequential follow-up action in the matter.

3. The Government, after careful consideration of the proposal of the Hon'ble High Court, in supersession of the orders issued in G.O.Ms.No.28 Law (LA &J-SC.F) Dept., dated 16-03-2012, hereby notify the following Rules:

NOTIFICATION

1. The Rules shall be called as the "Retired Chief Justices and Judges Domestic Help(s) and Other Benefits Rules, 2021".

2. The Rules shall come into force with effect from 01.09.2021.

3. **APPLICABILITY:**

The Rules shall apply to a person who has held office either as a Chief Justice or as a Judge of the High Court of Andhra Pradesh and their spouses.

4. **DEFINITIONS:**

i. "High Court" means the High Court of Andhra Pradesh.

ii. "Former Chief Justice" means a person who has held Office of the Chief Justice of the High Court and / or drawing pension and other benefits from the High Court, **and**

iii. "Former Judge" means a person who has held Office of a Judge of the High Court and/or drawing pension and other benefits from the High Court.

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iv. "Spouse" means the wife or, as the case may be, the husband surviving a former Chief Justice or former Judge upon his or her death while in Office or after retirement.

v. "Domestic Help" means the assistance of personnel to be provided to a retired Chief Justice or a retired Judge of the High Court, or to his or her spouse at the expenses to be borne by the High Court.

5. Eligibility:

A retired Chief Justice or a Judge of the High Court or their spouse, as the case may be, shall be entitled to avail the services of Domestic Help(s), Driver(s), Secretarial Assistance, Security and Telephone facility at the expenses of the High Court, subject to the following conditions.

i. The facility of Domestic Help(s), Driver(s), Secretarial Assistance, Security and Telephone facility shall be provided to the retired Chief Justice/Judge or their spouse, if he/she is not availing such or similar facility from any other High Court.

ii. The retired Chief Justice/Judge or their spouse, as the case may be, on his/her appointment to any Office, post or assignment shall not be entitled to the facility of Domestic Help(s), Driver(s), Secretarial Service and other benefits during the tenure of such appointment/assignment except where such appointment/assignment does not provide the facility of any domestic Help(s), Driver(s) and Secretarial Service and other benefits, respectively.

6. SELECTION OF DOMESTIC HELP(S):

The retired Chief Justice/Judge or their spouse, as the case may be, may at her or his discretion select persons to be engaged as Domestic Help(s)/Driver(s).

7. REIMBURSEMENT:

To enable the retired Chief Justice/Judge, or their spouse, as the case may be, to engage domestic help(s)/Driver(s) High Court shall provide a consolidated amount of Rs.45,000/- per month to a retired Judge or spouse and Rs.50,000/- per month to a retired Chief Justice or spouse.

8. SECONDMENT OF A PERMANENT EMPLOYEE:

The retired Chief Justice/Judge or their spouse may request to avail the services of maximum of two employees working in Last Grade Service of the High Court, one of whom may be a Driver; **(OR)**

If any employee working in Last Grade Service of the High Court furnishes to the Registrar General of the High Court, a request in writing to serve a retired Chief Justice/Judge or their spouse, as the case may be, and the services of such employee(s) is/are acceptable to the retired Chief Justice/Judge or their spouse, as the case may be;

They may be seconded to work with the retired Chief Justice/Judge or their spouse until the employee(s) attain(s) the age of superannuation and/or so long as the retired Chief Justice/Judge or their spouse is entitled to this facility.

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It is made clear that if employees of the High Court are seconded, the retired Chief Justice/Judge or their spouse, as the case may be, are not entitled to full reimbursement as stipulated in Rule-7 if two employees are provided by the High Court; or 50% of the reimbursement mentioned in Rule-7, if only one employee of the High Court is provided.

The said secondment shall be at the discretion of the Hon'ble Chief Justice and subject to availability of staff.

9. CELL PHONE/LANDLINE EXPENSES, INTERNET CHARGES, SECRETARIAL SERVICES AND SECURITY SERVICES:

The retired Chief Justice/Judge or their spouse, as the case may be, shall also be paid Rs.15,000/- per month towards expenses of rental and calls of Mobiles and/or Landline, internet service, secretarial services and security service. However, this facility shall not be available if the retired Chief Justice/Judge or their spouse, as the case may be, has accepted some assignment and has been provided the same facilities under that assignment, during the continuation of such assignment.

10. The amounts mentioned in Rules-7 & 9 shall be increased by 5% every one year.

11. These Rules shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any other benefits, which are available to retired Chief Justice(s)/ Judge(s) and/or their spouse(s).

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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